

A regular meeting of the Redmond City Council was called to order by Mayor Rosemarie Ives at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers. Councilmembers present were: Cole, Dorning, McCormick, Paine, Plackett, and Robinson.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor announced the following changes to the agenda:

- Consent Agenda Item 6 - Interlocal Agreement for Regional Affordable Housing Program is not a resolution
- Move Item IV.1 - NE 116 Street Transportation Impact Fee Overlay District (Reconsideration) after Consent Agenda

#### ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Ken Weisenbach, 15810 NE 90<sup>th</sup> Way, thanked Councilmembers Cole, Dorning, Plackett, Misenar, and Robinson for their contributions and willingness to continue to represent the community. He also acknowledged the candidates that have come forward this year - Ms. Discoe, Ms. Snodgrass, Mr. Bittner, Mr. Wickstrom, Mr. Marchione, Mr. Rauf, Mr. Resha, and Mr. Stewart for their willingness to step forward and to engage in the representation of our community.

John Resha, 10219 161 Avenue NE, Chair, Business Tax/Transportation Improvements Advisory Committee (BT/TI), highlighted points from the committee's recommendation process - seven projects totaling approximately \$4 million.

Mr. Resha recognized Councilmember Dorning as an ex-officio member of the BT/TI Committee. He thanked her for an outstanding job over the past seven years; she has been an incredible liaison to the BT/TI Committee and to the Council.

Steve Rondel, 7349 148 Avenue NE, said Verizon is selling seven acres of raw land that adjoins Grasslawn Park on the north side, part of the land on which their local phone station is headquartered. He said Verizon has applied for subdivision, and seeks to sell the property for development. He said the land is zoned R-5, and went up for sale in June 2003. He said he began discussions with the brokers here and in Los Angeles, and with the Parks and Recreation Department in July 2003. He proposed that the city explore acquiring the land and preserving it as one of the last stands of natural woodland in the area next to one of the best and most developed parks in Redmond.

Mr. Rondel said ten years ago he asked Verizon for an option to buy the property, and to inform him if they put the land up for sale, but that did not happen. He added the Parks and Recreation Department staff indicated they did not have

the funds or any plans to acquire the property, but would be open to exploring it if something could be formulated.

Mr. Rondel said yesterday he made contact with Verizon management and was told an offer could be made, and that it could be contingent on financing and could involve years to materialize. He said earlier he had learned that Verizon does not want surplus property generating costs such as taxes, and that is why they want to sell it.

Mr. Rondel said it seems feasible to get Verizon's attention to investigate an acquisition, and that is why he is asking the Council to explore it. He urged engaging Verizon as soon as possible to establish a genuine option to buy contingent on financing. He noted the city has not had a bond measure for ten years, the 2005 budget is coming, he could be in a position to contribute funds about that time, and there may be other organizations such as Nature Conservancy, etc., which may also be so inclined. He indicated he has talked to several possible stakeholders, and there appears to be genuine interest, but no legitimate project to explore it financially.

Danny Hopkins, Parks and Recreation Department Director, said he did not have all the information about the property; the impression was there was an effort to sell the property. He added that he and Mr. Rondel did talk, and the staff looked into the purchase along with Debby Wilson, Real Property Manager, to see if there were any opportunities. He concluded Verizon is asking \$2.7 million for the property.

Martin Snodgrass, 11416 172 Avenue NE, stated that, personally, he is opposed to the NE 116 Street Overlay District because of financial considerations.

Speaking on behalf of the Planning Commission, Mr. Snodgrass said he heard concerns at the last Council meeting about the lack of public input and awareness of the process. He assured the Council that the NE 116 Street Overlay was the most public process issue the Planning Commission has had since he has been a member. Meetings were conducted with various stakeholder groups, direct notice was mailed to all the concerned citizens, and the Commission invited participation from various developers.

Concerning Council discussion about the possibility of sending the wildlife habitat plan back to the Planning Commission, Mr. Snodgrass reiterated that the Commission spent more than twenty meetings discussing the plan. He said the initial plan that came to the Planning Commission was unsatisfactory; it was unfriendly to property owners, and was not based on good science. However, through the process and input from citizens, interested parties, the

Citizens Advisory Committee, and numerous professionals, the Planning Commission ended up with a very good plan that does not go too far in any aspect, preserves Redmond as a green city, provides reasonable balance on the issues, and has strong portions that go to public and educational processes. Mr. Snodgrass urged the Council to move the plan forward for consideration.

#### CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Ms. Dorning, second by Ms. McCormick, to approve the following items of the Consent Agenda:

- (1) approve the minutes of the regular meeting of October 21, 2003
- (2) approve the following payroll/direct deposit and claims checks:

##### PAYROLL/DIRECT DEPOSIT CHECKS:

#156396 through 156517; and  
#115763 through 116335      \$1,122,974.92

##### CLAIMS CHECKS:

#210148 through 210586      \$7,110,720.81

- (3) approve the findings that:
  - the city should continue developing a Transportation Master Plan that integrates transportation into the city's Comprehensive Plan Update
  - Charlier Associates, Inc. is the most qualified of the firms to undertake the services for the Transportation Master Plan, Project No. 02-CI-17
  - The fair and reasonable price for providing services for the Transportation Master Plan and related tasks is \$502,000

approve the consultant agreement, and authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement

- (4) approve a consultant agreement for the analysis, refinement, and prioritization of remaining Redmond BROTS (Bellevue-Redmond-Overlake Transportation Study) projects with David Evans and Associates in the

amount of \$94,985, and authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement

- (5) approve the Business Tax/Transportation Improvements (BT/TI) Committee recommendations for expenditure of business tax revenues as approved by the Committee on September 22, 2003; and approve the BT/TI Committee recommendations to shift \$2 million previously approved for Willows Road Widening back into the unallocated portion of the business tax revenues
- (6) authorize the Mayor to execute the Regional Affordable Housing Program Interlocal Cooperation Agreement, an agreement for the use of countywide local low-income housing funds

Motion carried unanimously (6 - 0).

Councilmember McCormick requested a letter of thanks be sent to the State Legislature for the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement for the use of countywide local low-income housing funds. The Council concurred with her request.

ORDINANCE - NE 116 STREET TRANSPORTATION IMPACT FEE OVERLAY DISTRICT (RECONSIDERATION)

Motion by Ms. McCormick, second by Ms. Dorning, to table this item to the November 18, 2003 Council meeting. Motion carried unanimously (6 - 0).

The Mayor noted the receipt of correspondence from John Baumann regarding the NE 116 Street Transportation Impact Fee Overlay District.

REPORTS

Staff Report - City Hall Project

Mike Paul, Project Manager, presented an update on the design and project schedule. He described elements of the design - the site, city hall, and the parking garage, which were discussed with the Design Review Board last week; and the status of the lease and financing strategy.

November 4, 2003

PUBLIC HEARING - ORDINANCE: AEROJET LONG-TERM TEMPORARY USE PERMIT, LO30271 (QUASI-JUDICIAL)

The Mayor, in a memorandum to the City Council dated November 4, 2003, recommended adoption of this ordinance stating that the long-term temporary use permit would be for 18 months from the effective date of the ordinance.

The Mayor opened the public hearing at 8:10 p.m.

Donald McManamen, representing Aerojet, 11411 139 Place NE, urged the Council to approve the ordinance. He said Aerojet is growing and wants to build an addition onto one of the existing buildings. He noted that Aerojet has secured the capital funding that will be released on November 15, 2003. He advised that he had sketches of what they are proposing for the addition if anyone is interested. He noted that the containers are not visible from city streets or any neighbors because of the dense forested area on the property.

Councilmember Cole expressed concern about the possibility of the temporary use permit being extended again, since it is a labor-intensive process to do that. Mr. McManamen assured the Council Aerojet is confident that would not happen, because Aerojet is very anxious to move forward with the addition.

Hearing no further testimony, the Mayor declared the public hearing closed at 8:13 p.m.

Motion by Ms. Dorning, second Mr. Paine, to adopt Ordinance No. 2181, approving the Aerojet Long-Term Temporary Use Permit - Storage Containers, LO30271, subject to the conditions outlined in the Technical Committee Recommendations of Approval.

Ordinance No. 2181, approving with conditions the Aerojet Long-Term Temporary Use Permit - Storage Containers (LO30271), and establishing an effective date, was presented and read.

Upon a poll of the Council, Cole, Dorning, McCormick, Paine, Plackett, and Robinson voted aye. Motion carried unanimously (6 - 0).

Staff Report - Neighborhood Traffic Calming Program

Jeff Palmer, Neighborhood Traffic Calming Coordinator, in a memorandum to the City Council dated November 4, 2003, updated the Council on the Neighborhood Traffic Calming Program.

Councilmember Dorning inquired how the speed limit radar signs are working on arterials. Mr. Palmer replied staff has received good feedback on the placement of the portable trailers, and have requests from just about every neighborhood. He said the fixed sign on West Lake Sammamish Parkway was the test case, and it is the type of project staff wants to consider on two-lane arterials. He concluded the cost is about \$20,000 per location.

#### OMBUDSMAN REPORT

Councilmember Cole said he sent out an email with a proposed schedule for interviews of applicants for the vacant City Council position.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

##### Committee Report - Development Review Committee

Councilmember Dorning announced a meeting of the Development Review Committee for Monday, November 10, 2003 at 4:00 p.m.

#### ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the Mayor declared the meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

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